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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6203**  
Kazuyuki KASHIWABARA et al. : **Attorney Docket No. 2005\_0091A**  
Serial No. 10/522,249 : **Group Art Unit 2446**  
Filed January 25, 2005 : **Examiner Shaq Taha**  
**DEVICE, METHOD, AND PROGRAM  
FOR PERFORMING MASTER/SLAVE  
SWITCHING PROCESS** : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 5, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows.